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We need this approved asap

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Laura is the EOC good?

**From:** Zito, Kelly  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 19, 2015 6:08 PM  
**To:** Press; Manzanilla, Enrique; Yogi, David; Harris-Bishop, Rusty  
**Cc:** EOC Public Information; Grantham, Nancy; Gray, David  
**Subject:** Navajo Water Tanks - Media query

Hi all –

Devon Nealy (sp?) from KOB-TV in Farmington is asking about Navajo water tank deliveries. I know David Yogi was working on a statement, but I'm not sure where that is at this point.

Can we expedite some statement on that issue – even if it's brief -- since we've received multiple calls about it today? The last draft is below. We could remove the last three sentences (underlined) to keep it more focused.

His number is: Devon Nealy Personal Phone/Ex. 6

Kelly

**8-19-15**

**Revised statement for inquiries on water tank concerns (ver 4)**

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Following the closure of the San Juan River by Navajo Nation, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 9 (U.S. EPA) has worked to provide alternative small-plot irrigation and livestock water supplies for Navajo Nation community members along the San Juan River, including Shiprock, N.M.

To distribute water for agricultural purposes, 13 tanks were deployed throughout the Navajo Nation. Nine water of these tanks were deployed in the Shiprock area. These tanks were sourced from the water division of Triple S Trucking Company, an Aztec, N.M.-based tanker truck company.

Water distributed by U.S. EPA from Triple S tanks was provided by the Bloomfield Utility Department, the municipal water utility company for the City of Bloomfield, N.M.

This water met all applicable federal and state drinking water quality standards, and was unaffected by the Gold King Mine release.

The City of Bloomfield's water intake is located upstream from the confluence of the Animas and San Juan Rivers.

Prior to being used by U.S. EPA, the tanks were steam cleaned and inspected for future use.

At the request of the Navajo Nation, U.S. EPA will now source all water from permitted water sources on the Navajo Nation. U.S. EPA is committed to working with Navajo Nation to ensure community water needs resulting from the Gold King Mine release and subsequent river closure are met.

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Water delivery service this week in Shiprock has been temporary discontinued this week due to threats to EPA personnel, but is expected to resume this weekend. Water service to all other Navajo communities continues uninterrupted.

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